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**** Media Advisory ****

Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County Kicks Off Fundraising Efforts on Oct. 1

What: Law Enforcement Memorial Fundraising Event
When: 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005
Where: Wal-Mart, 21st and Maize
Who: Law Enforcement Memorial Committee of Sedgwick County

Soon, Sedgwick County will have its own law enforcement memorial, located at the corner of Central and Main between the City and County administrative buildings. This outdoor plaza will serve as a place of inspiration and reflection for those who wish to honor the lives of the 28 police officers and sheriff deputies who gave their lives in service in Sedgwick County.

This community project will kick off its 2005 fundraising efforts with a celebration beginning at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1 at the Wal-Mart at 21st and Maize in Wichita.

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This special event will feature a number of exciting attractions including:

- **The Wichita Police Department Air Section**
- **The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Command vehicle**
- **Sheriff Mascot Deputy Dan**
- **Sedgwick County Emergency Management Director Randy Duncan with information on Homeland Security**
- **Sedgwick County Fire Department Station #33**
- **Remote radio broadcast by KFDI Journal Broadcast**
- **Fraternal Order of Police Identi-kid program**
- **Wichita Fire Department arson dog Jodie and handler Captain Brad Crisp**
- **Wichita Police Department Mounted Unit**
- **Wichita Police Department Crime Prevention Section – DARE car**
- **Wichita Police Department Bomb Squad**
- **Wichita Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)**
- **Haysville Police Department – 1971 restored patrol car**
- **Maize Police Department**
- **Pepsi Wagon**
- **Sedgwick County Sheriff's DARE car**
- **Wichita Police Crime Scene Investigator**

A number of local organizations and businesses have donated goods and services to help the Law Enforcement Memorial Committee kick off its fundraising. Wal-Mart and Sam's will run a two-month fundraising campaign at all of their stores in Sedgwick County. Other supporters include Dillons, House of Schwann, the Journal Broadcast Group, KAKE-TV and Pepsi.

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Led by Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams and Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, the Law Enforcement Memorial Committee has been working to create the memorial's design and solicit community support in their fundraising campaign.

The campaign goal of \$550,000 includes the cost to design and build the memorial and an endowment fund to ensure that funds will always be available for maintenance and upkeep.

The Memorial was designed by local artist Connie Ernatt and will be sculpted at her studio located at 424 S. Commerce. Citizens are encouraged to stop by the studio the last Friday of every month to observe work on the Memorial and see how it is progressing.

For more information on the Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County, please contact WPD Capt. Randy Landen at 268-4201 or Sedgwick County Sheriff's Captain Jim Woods at 383-7315, or visit the website at http://sedgwickcounty.org/sheriff/leo_memorial.htm